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AMENDMENT

SIR:

In response to the Office Action of March 21, 2001 kindly amend the above-captioned application as follows:

IN THE DRAWINGS:

Please amend Figures 1, 3, 4, and 8 as indicated in the enclosed amended drawing, wherein changes are identified in red ink.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 1, 7, 15, and 17 as follows:

1. (Amended) A connector element for connecting a fluid line, preferably a length of tubing, cannulas or catheters to a second connector element, comprising:
a conduit for conveying a flowing medium;
a sealing part moveable relative to the conduit between a closed position and an open position, adapted for sealing the conduit from an ambient atmosphere when in the closed position; and
an opening element to open the sealing part while forming the connection, wherein the sealing part does not contact the conduit either when in the closed position or in the open position.



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1. Transmitted herewith for the above-identified application is an Amendment.
2. Applicants respectfully request a three month extension of time in which to respond to the Office Action dated March 21, 2001, for which a response period expiring on June 21, 2001 was set. The extended period expires on September 21, 2001.
3. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of the 37 C.F.R. 1.136(a) extension fee of \$890.00 to the deposit account of Kenyon & Kenyon, Deposit Account No. 11-0600.
4. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of the following fees associated with this communication or credit any overpayment to the deposit account of Kenyon & Kenyon, Deposit Account No. 11-0600:
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 - B. Any additional patent application processing fees under 37 CFR 1.17;
 - C. Any additional patent issue fees under 37 CFR 1.18;
 - D. Any additional document supply fees under 37 CFR 1.19;
 - E. Any additional post-patent processing fees under 37 CFR 1.20; or
 - F. Any additional miscellaneous fees under 37 CFR 1.21..

Respectfully submitted,

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